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## **INTERSTATE PAY-PER-CALL AND OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES, AND TOLL-FREE NUMBER USAGE**

**CG DOCKET NO. 04-244**

### **PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED**

**Comments Due: November 15, 2004**  
**Reply Comments Due: November 29, 2004**

On July 16, 2004, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), FCC 04-162 in CG Docket No. 04-244 and CC Docket No. 98-170, regarding interstate pay-per-call, other information services and toll-free usage. The NPRM proposes to reexamine FCC rules in this area to ensure that consumer protections are adequate and are not being circumvented. The item seeks comment on a number of issues relating to consumer protections and the state of the existing 900-number regime, toll-free numbers, and audiotext information services accessed through dialing methods other than 900 numbers.

The NPRM stated that interested parties could file comments in this proceeding on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day after publication of this *Public Notice* in the Federal Register, and reply comments on or before the 45<sup>th</sup> day after publication of this *Public Notice* in the Federal Register. The NPRM was published in the Federal Register on October 15, 2004.

Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before November 15, 2004, and reply comments on or before November 29, 2004. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998).

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov), and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by electronic media, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail).

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This proceeding is being treated as a permit, but disclose proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. Parties making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must contain a summary of the substance of the presentation and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

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